



# At State -and Pearl

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*Albany, N.Y.*

*THE WIDE AWAKE CITY.*

*AT STATE AND PEARL-AT STATE AND PEARL  
THE PIVOT AND CENTER OF ALBANY'S WHIRL*

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# INVITATION TO ALL

Come and Live with us in Beautiful, Historic Albany  
(Capital City of the Empire State)

For delightful location, satisfactory climate, business facilities  
and social environment, unexcelled in the United States.

## THE WIDE AWAKE CITY

Location Discovered by Hendrick Hudson in 1609  
(The Oldest Settlement in the North)

Chartered as a City, thro' the efforts of Peter Schuyler, in 1686  
(The oldest Chartered City in the United States)

Now a Hustling, Thriving, Enterprising City of

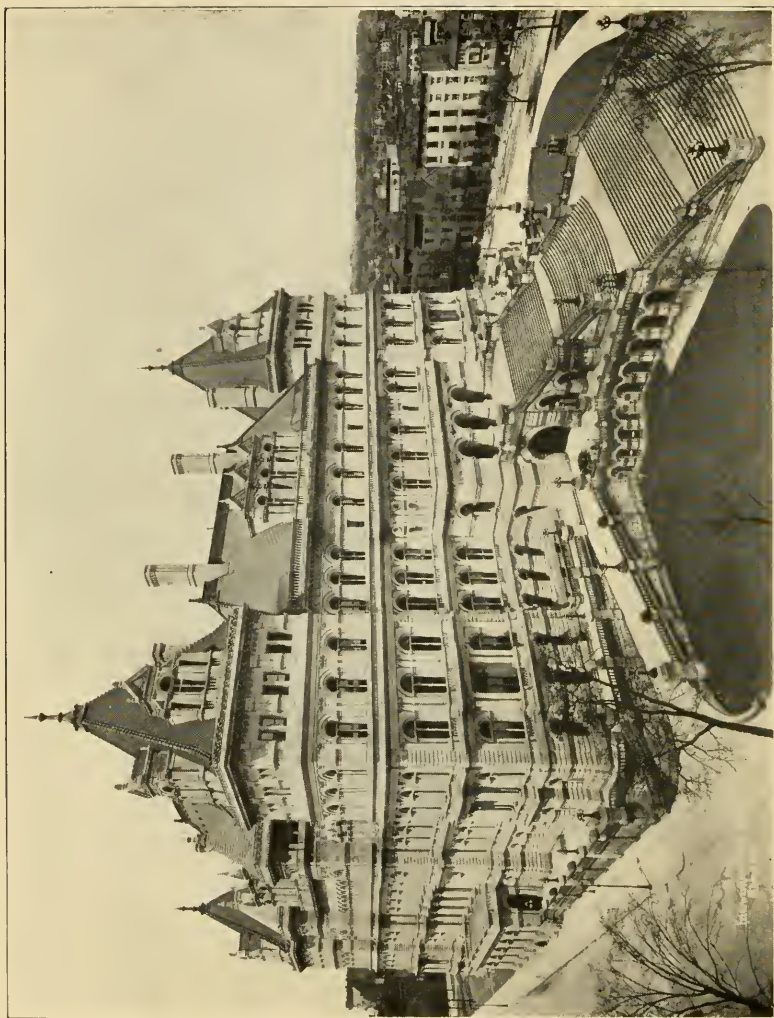
## 120,000 INHABITANTS

Delightfully Situated on the Left Bank and at the  
head of Navigation on the Beautiful Hudson River,  
150 miles from Tidewater, and known far and wide as

**"THE CITY BEAUTIFUL"**

## Albany Bids You Welcome





THE STATE CAPITOL AT ALBANY

# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO ONE



At State and Pearl — at State and Pearl,  
The center of Albany's busiest whirl,  
At State and Pearl — at State and Pearl,  
The tryst for the boy and the tryst for the girl;  
If the stones could talk and the bricks could cry,  
As the automobiles go whizzing by,  
What tales would be told, some a century old,  
Of meetings and greetings, some shy and some bold,  
Of promises made and of promises broken,  
Of words, peradventure, that shouldn't be spoken,  
Of men and of deeds that the corners have known,  
Since good Peter Schuyler petitioned the throne;  
Of multitudes gathered at times in the street  
And the trample of millions of Albany feet;  
Of the hustle and bustle, the push and the go,  
From the days of Old Peter to the days of Old Joe;  
Of the loves and the hates, the hopes and the fears  
At Albany's center thro' many long years,  
But all in the lives of the boy and the girl,  
At the corner of State and Pearl.



THE NORTHWEST CORNER  
The New Hotel Ten Eyck as it will appear when completed



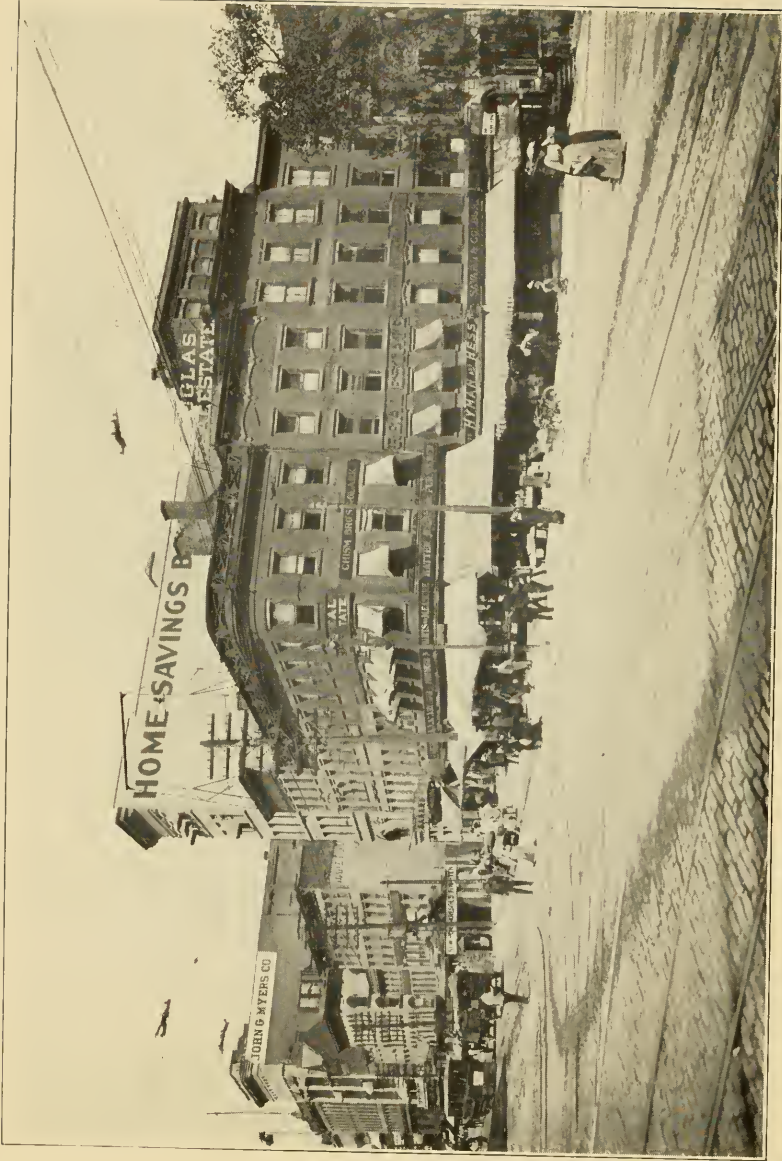
# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO TWO



Four corners, of course, there couldn't be less,  
And one of them now in a terrible mess,  
For old Tweddle Building, the pride of our youth,  
Must fall for a modern skyscraper, forsooth,  
And so, through the work of the Dagos and Mike,  
We now see uprearing the mammoth Ten Eyck;  
'Ten Eyck — what a vision the name brings to view,  
Whose lobby is known as the "Kingdom of Chew,"  
Where statesmen do gather, politicians do talk  
And the laws are all made for the State of New York;  
(Such laws — so many, so mixed, so confusing,  
Got the people all guessing, the lawyers all musing);  
'Ten Eyck — where the candle at either end flickers,  
While "statesmen" put thro' all their deals and their dickers;  
'Ten Eyck — where some banquets are held we can boast,  
Whose echoes are heard from the coast to the coast;  
'Ten Eyck — where Society now and then meet  
And dance till the morning in silk stockinged feet;  
It sure is the center of Albany's whirl,  
At the corner of State and Pearl.



THE NORTH EAST CORNER

Small building on corner is 150 years old and the others are 100 years old

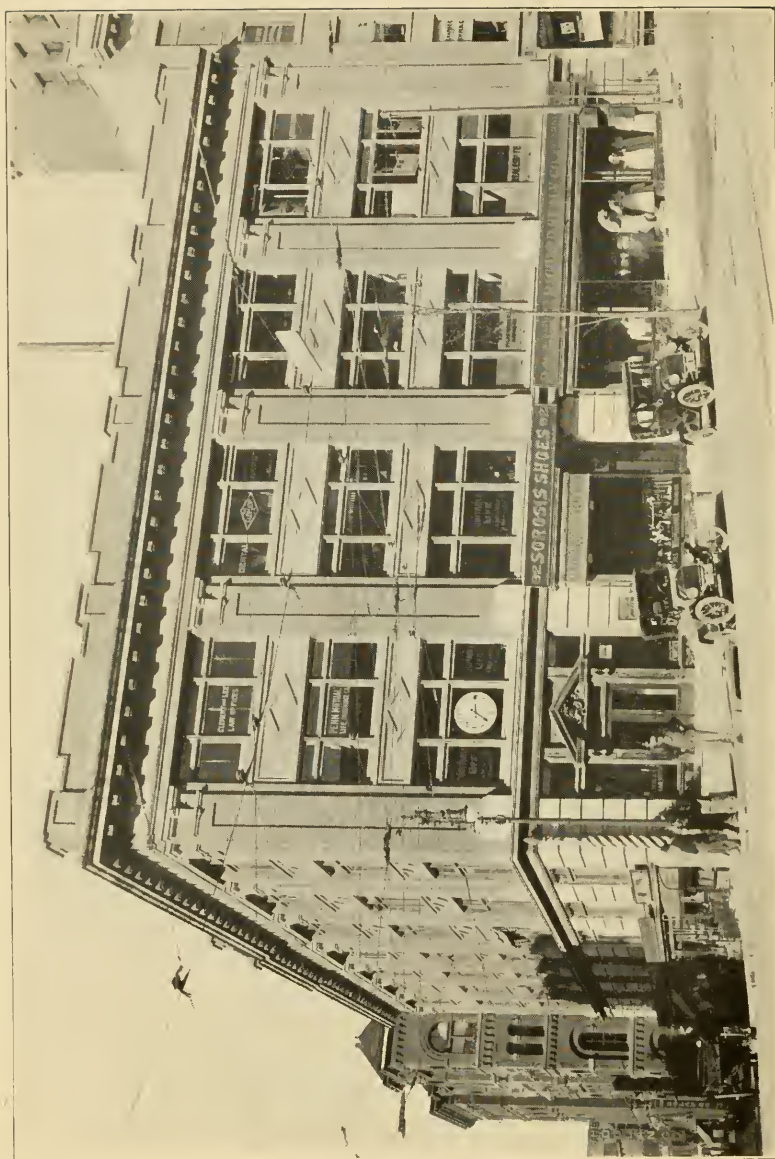
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## CANTO THREE



Alas and alack, as we look straight across,  
(Of the Northeastern corner I'm speaking, of course)  
We see an old relic of Albany's past,  
And Bender and Dexter hold on to it fast;  
You hardly can blame them with rents mounting higher,  
But some day a hustler will take a real flyer,  
He'll cover the plot with bright shining gold dollars.  
And then they'll let go for "Mazuma" just hollers;  
Be patient, Albanians, and you will yet view  
A structure that'll be an eye opener for you;  
From the "State" on the east to the "Home" on the  
north,  
It will fill the whole space with a building of worth;  
Don't know what they'll call it but make a suggestion,  
"Peter Schuyler's" a name that is great beyond question;  
'Twill reflect the Old Dutch in its scope and design,  
But be modern in every convenience and line;  
Who's the chap going to build it? I really don't know,  
But the fellow who does, he will be the whole show;  
Lord hasten the day when that dream will unfurl,  
At the corner of State and Pearl.



THE SOUTHWEST CORNER — THE ARKAY BUILDING



# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO FOUR



On an opposite corner — Southwest I may say,  
We now point with pride to Pete Kiernan's "R. K.;"  
Now Pete is a hustler, with that you'll agree,  
Tho' he may not be "blessed" with a family tree;  
Pete isn't Old Dutch but he's Irish all right,  
And the Irish help somewhat in Albany's might,  
Our Bradys and Nolans and Farrells and Glynns,  
Have something to do with our outs and our ins;  
And Pete's building holds the delight of our town,  
The Chamber of Commerce — Ed. Coffin's renown;  
Don't shoot—they are doing the best they know how,  
And no one calls Albany an "also ran" now;  
All Chambers of Commerce have troubles to meet,  
And the "kickers" have double soled shoes on their feet;  
We're blooming and booming right there in Arkay,  
Where bankers and business lights meet every day,  
While out on the corner great deals are put thro',  
Which change all the farms into streets that are new,  
And a *ten mile radius* soon we can twirl,  
From the corner of State and Pearl.





THE\_SOUTHEAST CORNER —COUNTY BANK

# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO FIVE



Just one corner more and then I am through;  
It's not very old and it's not very new;  
It's the County Bank corner which all of us know  
As staid and conservative — sure but not slow;  
As firm as Gibraltar, it seems to portray  
The solid, substantial, Old Albany way,  
For Sanders and Wheeler and the men at the helm  
Are about as well known as the "Albany Elm;"  
A corner historic is this famous Southeast,  
And there stood the "Staats" house, in annals not least,  
For over two centuries braving all gales,  
With bricks baked in Holland and monster Dutch nails,  
Succumbing, at last, to improvement's great sway  
While "Sturgeontown" folks souvenirs took away;  
Many stirring events can that corner review,  
Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil War too;  
Great men, great achievements, great deeds there unite,  
A large share of U. S. history to write,  
And it still throbs daily with a stir and a whirl  
At the corner of State and Pearl.



THE PLAZA  
AND THE D. & H. BUILDING  
Adjoining will be the beautiful Journal Building completing the Triangle

# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO SIX



As you stand at the corners, look up and down street  
And a beautiful viewpoint your vision will meet;  
The street we call State, without exaggeration,  
The noblest of thoroughfares in this whole nation;  
Conceived by the Dutch, it is Albany's pride,  
Twelve hundred feet long and two hundred feet wide,  
Not level and flat like an Illinois farm,  
But mounting up hill and therein is its charm;  
At the foot gently laved by the beautiful river,  
At the head stands the Capitol — ours now forever,  
From Broadway to Eagle a gradual rise  
Till the Capitol's domes pierce the azure blue skies;  
There's no street can equal it, here or abroad,  
It takes the first prize and the highest award;  
Friends Brunner and Lay and the highbrows all say,  
It's the artistic street of the country today,  
And when, in a year, we complete up the Plaza,  
From river to Steal House 'twill be a pazaza;  
So tourists, stop off, take a peep and a whirl,  
From the corner of State and Pearl.





THE NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY BUILDING, ALBANY, N. Y.



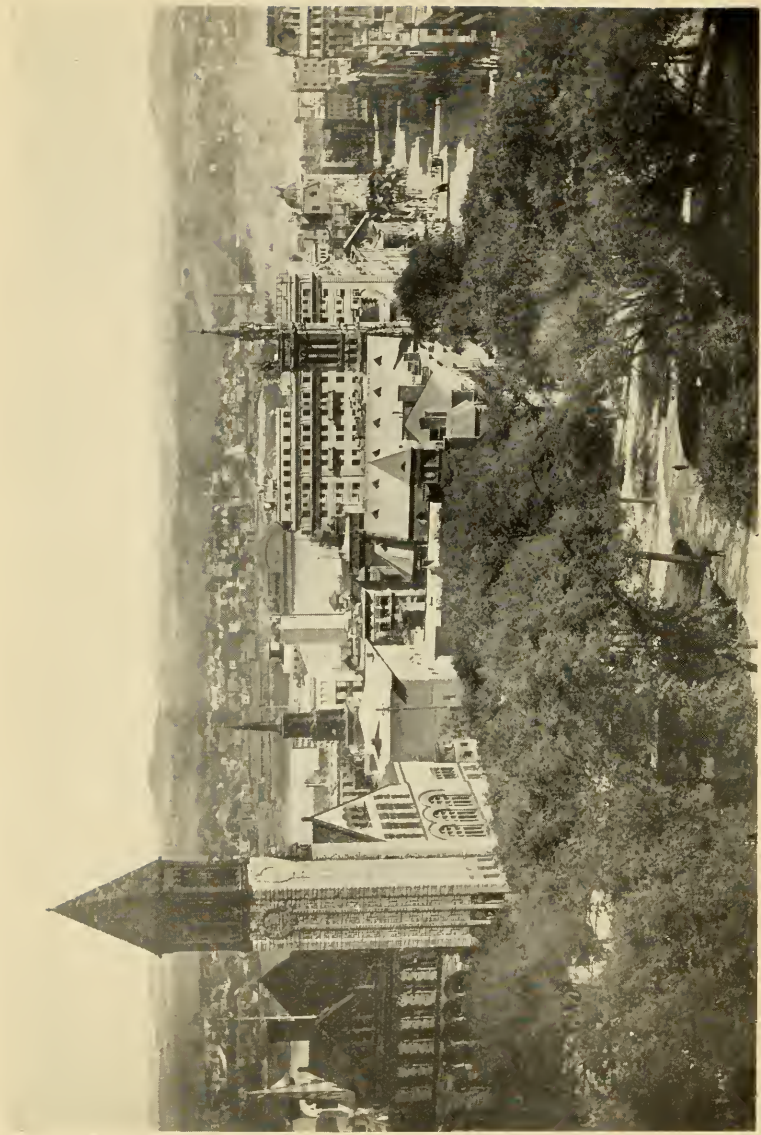
# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO SEVEN



Let no one suppose from these verses set down,  
There are only two streets in old Albany town,  
But, before leaving these, gentle reader, we'll say,  
There's sure "something doing" in each every day;  
On State stand the banks, so full they near burst,  
Commercial, the State, two Trusts and the First,  
And the old M. & F. whose years are five score,  
With its stock always quoted five hundred or more;  
While the Savings Banks, National, County and City,  
The Home and the Albany make up the ditty.  
Business houses line Pearl, business houses line State,  
And the business they do it is right to call "great,"  
While Broadway and Beaver, Hudson, James, Lodge and  
Green,  
Maiden Lane and Steuben and some others are seen,  
All aiding old Albany's commerce to rise,  
Till it now stands the highest of towns of its size;  
In matters of finance we're first—none excel,  
In matters of trade—well the figures will tell;  
In shipping facilities the town can't be beat,  
Being located just where the East and West meet;  
Manufacturer, you're welcome, get into the whirl  
That revolves around State and Pearl.



VIEW OF ALBANY FROM THE CAPITOL

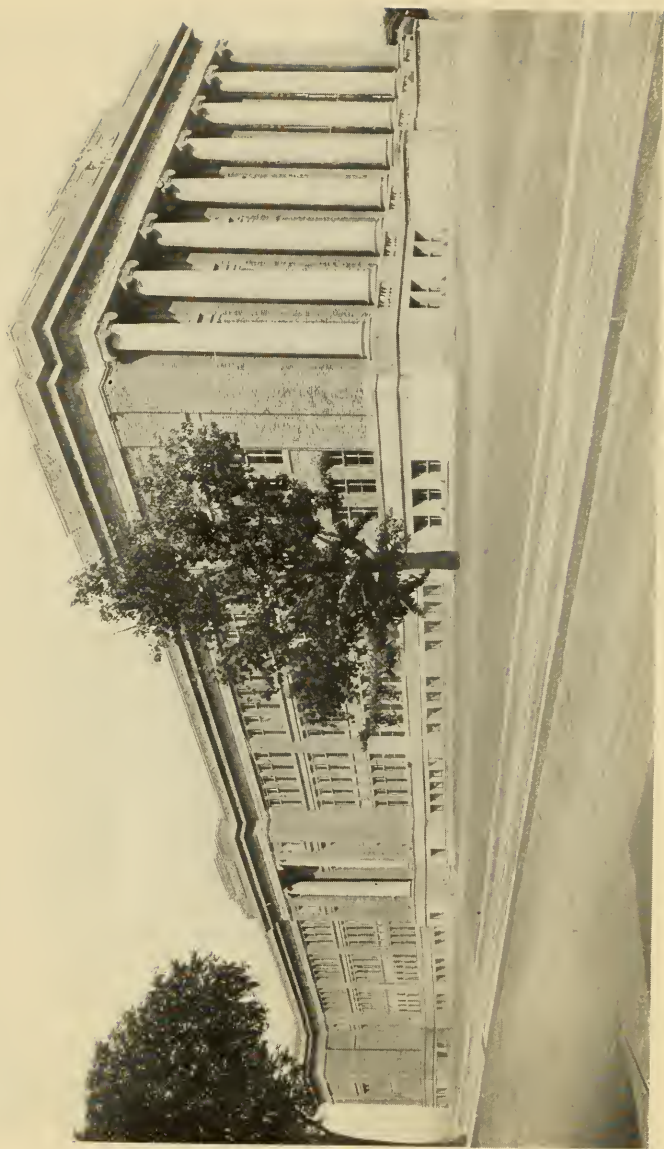
# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO EIGHT



And now, gentle reader, with a touch and a go,  
We'll point out some other things pleasant to know;  
In the first place, like Rome, ancient Rome of renown,  
We're built upon hills — seven hills make the town;  
And, also like Rome, where all roads led of yore,  
Many roads lead to Albany — nearly a score,  
Good roads, such as Duffey, our hustling Commish.  
Is building all over York State with a rush;  
Now, whether you're poor, moderate wealth or just wealthy,  
You know that a hilly town always is healthy,  
And that is our record— statistics show straight,  
We're the healthiest city in any old State;  
And, likewise, like all hilly towns, we are clean,  
No dirt, filth and mud on our streets ever seen,  
No dirty black smoke smudging soot on your collar,  
We prohibit soft coal— come, Phœbe Snow, holler;  
And, with our location, while mountains surround us,  
All the storms, hot and cold, just simply pass round us;  
Make your home with us, friend and revolve with the whirl  
That commences at State and Pearl.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL



# AT STATE AND PEARL

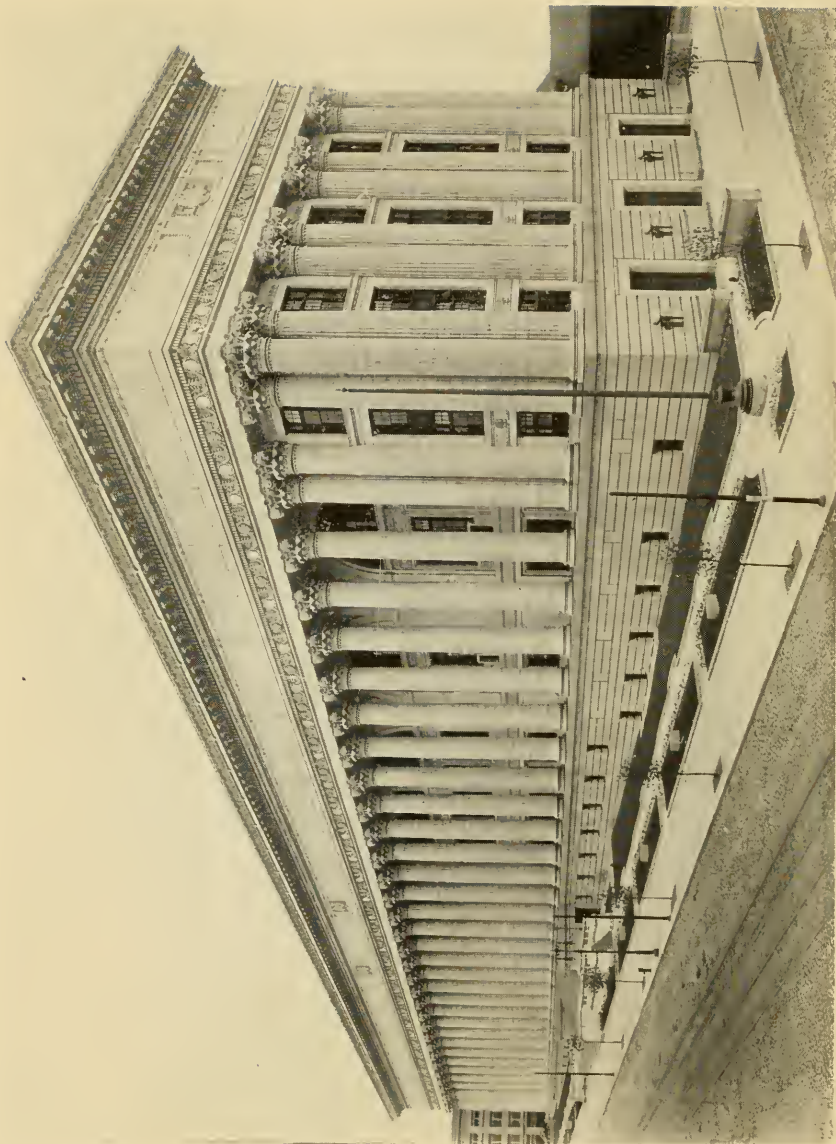


## CANTO NINE



Yes, come here and live;—love your own native place—  
But reside in the city that's setting the pace;  
We've made more improvements in this little town lately  
Than any old burgh—no matter how stately;  
They call us "The City Most Beautiful" now,  
The name fits us right and we'll tell you just how;  
In the first place the river, where work being done  
Will give us the handsomest "River Front" known;  
Our Plaza's unique, nothing like it e'er seen,  
Right down at the docks blooms a bright spot of green.  
Screened off from the railroads and all ugly view  
By the Flemish creation that Marc Reynolds drew;  
Our streets are well paved, well lighted, well kept  
And Boulevards now round our city have swept;  
Our residence district lies high on the hills  
Where you get Summer breezes but miss Winter chills;  
Our parks are the finest, both Washington and Lincoln,  
Our drainage is perfect, the best, I am thinking,  
There's still more to say but get into the whirl,  
Be a "Booster" at State and Pearl.





STATE EDUCATION BUILDING

# AT STATE AND PEARL



## CANTO TEN



In the matter of water we can say to you sure,  
We have an abundance and perfectly pure;  
Our beds of filtration where thousands were spent,  
Furnish aqua which tests just a hundred per cent;  
Car service is frequent thro' all city streets,  
Transportation facilities all reason meets;  
Pretty suburbs surround us in every direction,  
If you crave "country life" you can have your selection;  
To the north we have Londonville, Troy and Menands,  
To the east are the Hillview and Elliot lands,  
Just south you'll find Selkirk and Castleton best,  
While Elsmere, Delmar and Slingerlands lie west;  
Every one of them rural, every one of them fine,  
Every one of them served by an Autobus line;  
Now listen, sojourners in all other places,  
Don't you think we've put Albany right thro' her paces?  
And, with our advantages, told here in verse,  
Can't you go a bit further and fare very much worse?  
Come live here in Albany—come quickly, come now,  
Write any Albanian and he'll tell you how,  
And he'll take your right hand in a true, friendly twirl  
At the corner of State and Pearl.



ALBANY CITY HOSPITAL



## Albany as a Manufacturing Center



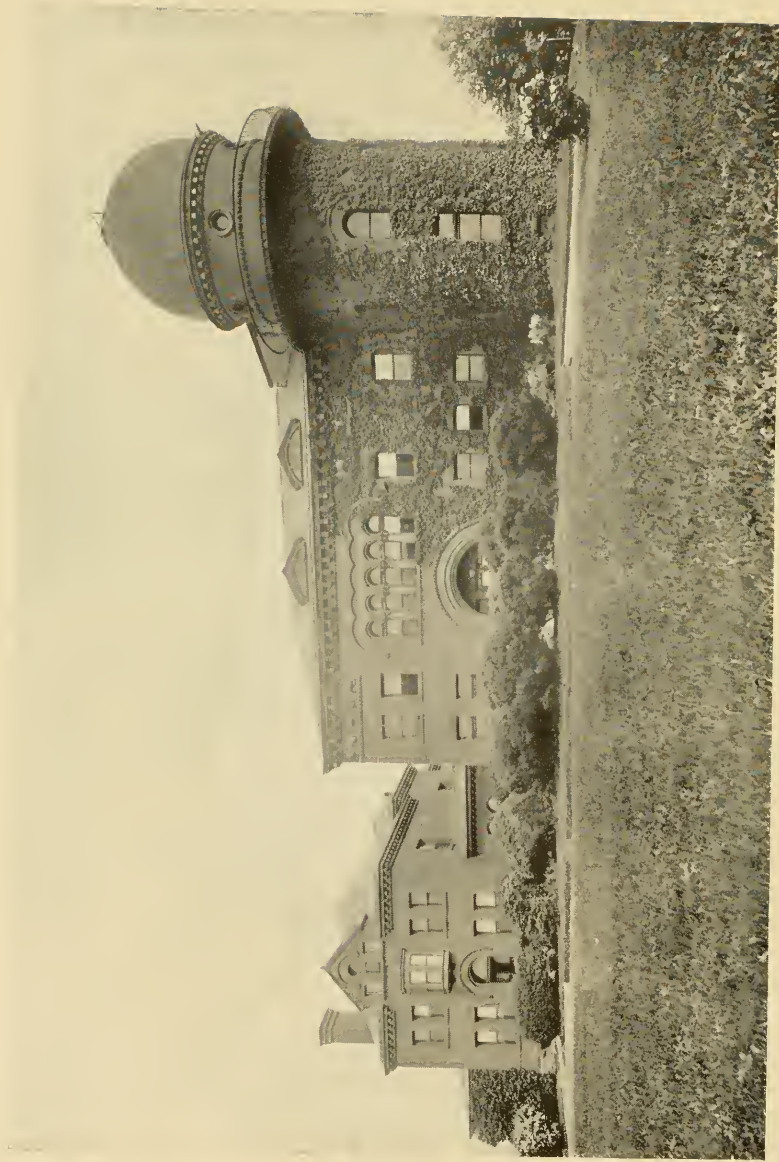
Albany is the best manufacturing center in the United States. Its geographical location makes it so and its shipping facilities are unexcelled. It is the natural dividing point between the East and the West and wears, with pride, its title of "The Great Western Gateway." Other places have attempted to appropriate that title without any show of reason and with nothing to back up their claims. There is only one "Great Western Gateway." That title belongs to Albany.

Consider the location. It is at the head of navigation on the Hudson river, a river that carries the greatest commerce and the greatest number of passengers of any river in the world. In a very few years the State of New York will complete its barge canal and Albany will be the eastern terminus of the same. The United States Government is committed to the policy of deepening the channel of the Hudson, as far as Albany, to twenty-seven feet, thus allowing freight carrying ships to dock here. Just south of the city is an immense tract of level land bordering on the river and owned by the city, upon which can be built the greatest system of docks in the United States. These will undoubtedly be built as soon as the barge canal and the Hudson river deepening are actualities.

Besides water transportation, the railroad facilities of Albany are the best. Six great trunk lines enter, divide, break cargo and ship, with Albany as the dividing point. Cargo is then shipped from Albany to the west, the great northwest and the southwest by the New York Central, West Shore and the Delaware & Hudson. Electric lines run in every direction from Albany to a distance of many miles, and autobuses serve all nearby local points with frequent service.

Three bridges span the Hudson at Albany, two railroad bridges and one auto, electric and foot bridge. Albany is also the natural trading center for a population of nearly 500,000 people located within seventy-five miles in all directions.

Here industry never seems to lag and the citizens are always on the alert to advance the supremacy of the city in every way. To the energetic and hustling business man of twentieth century ideals and instincts this city especially appeals. Manufacturers desiring to locate in Albany will find quantities of good building land both to the north and south of the city, adjacent to all shipping facilities, which can be bought at reasonable prices. For full information address Chamber of Commerce, Albany, N. Y.



DUDLEY OBSERVATORY



## Albany as a Residential City



The advantages of Albany as a residential city are many; it's the healthiest city in the United States and for many years its death rate has been the lowest, due partly, but not entirely, to its location on hills. While built on hills it is surrounded on all sides by still higher hills, which act as storm breakers. Many times, during severe winters, while places only a short distance from our city are in the grip of a terrible storm, Albany has escaped storm entirely.

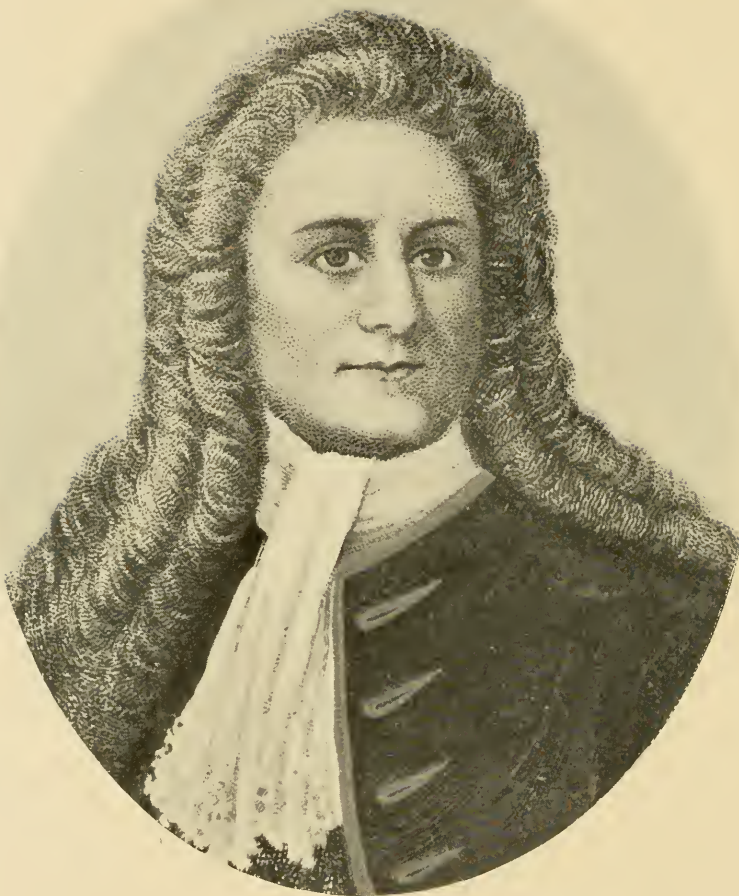
Albany has two beautiful parks, Washington and Lincoln. Washington Park has long been noted as a charming beauty spot, and Lincoln, while newer, has a most delightful natural situation with a view from the upper part of it unexcelled anywhere. When this park is completed, in about a year's time, it will have the finest grounds in the country for all kinds of sports and pastimes, absolutely free to the public.

The streets of Albany are well paved, lighted and kept; no black smoke hovers over the city, consequently all buildings are bright and clean; the educational facilities are the very best; police and fire departments unexcelled; with the best filtration beds in the country we have an abundance of water; the sewerage system, nearing completion, includes an intercepting sewer which carries all sewage miles below the city; a garbage incinerating plant is now being constructed.

The social side of Albany is all that could be desired; functions of every kind are constantly being held; fine theatres and halls, all the best plays, concerts and movies, dancing parlors, and every form of rational amusement one could ask for; churches of all denominations; branches of every fraternal organization on earth. Many beautiful private residences, some fine apartment houses and five first-class hotels; four splendid daily papers, all bright, clean and newsy and with large circulations.

Taxes and rentals are reasonable and Albany's bonds lead the market on premium worth; the banking facilities are the best in the country; the drives around Albany are charming, no matter in which direction you go; the beautiful Hudson lies at your feet, the finest sail in the world and on the finest steamboats in the world. Some day we're bound to put through a bill for purchasing buildings and making a park around the Capitol; when that day comes Albany will have the finest civic center in the country. Albany is a beautiful city, a healthful city and a good place to live in. Albanians will be glad to welcome newcomers and you couldn't do better than come and live in

**BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC ALBANY**



ALBANY'S FIRST MAYOR

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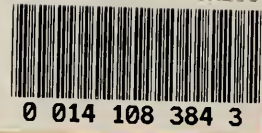
HON. PETER SCHUYLER

MAYOR OF ALBANY, 1686

## Albany, N. Y.

The richest city in the country in reminiscences of Old Dutch, Colonial, Revolutionary and later times. A most charming place for the scholar, historian and literary man to reside but equally attractive to the devotee of fashion or the hard-headed, active, energetic business man or manufacturer, whose sole thought is of making dollars and plenty of them. All will find Albany a most delightful city to live in.

## All Are Welcome



Join the Nineteen-Twenty Club



The Wide Awake City